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Timmy Hotelling, 4, at the UNO Child Care Center.

PUTTING KIDS IN THE GARAGE

The renovation of the UNO Child Care Center's garage into usable space could add 10 children to the center by next fall. The Student Senate allocated \$7,000 for the renovation at its March 8 meeting. The 10 openings should be gobbled up quickly by the 20 families waiting to enroll their children in the Child Care Center.

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IT WAS FUN

The UNO basketball team wrapped up its season last week, finishing with a 21-9 record, the best mark since 1983-84. The Mavs' season was highlighted by a eight-game winning streak. Two UNO players, both sophomores, and Coach Bob Hanson were rewarded by the North Central Conference for their efforts.

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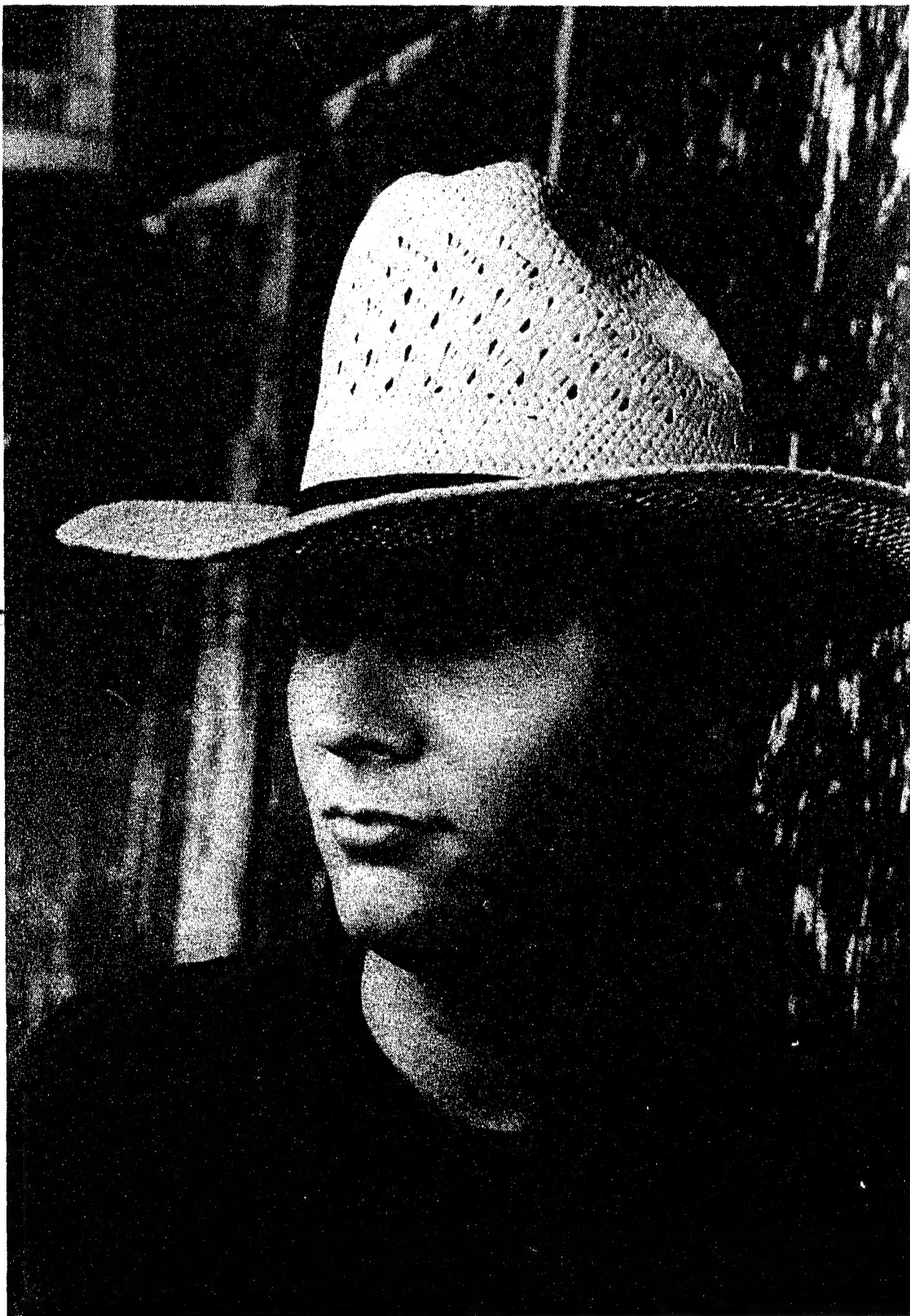
SIZE, SPEED AND SPICL SPELL RELIEF

With his size and overpowering fastball, UNO pitcher Rich Spicl is an imposing figure to batters. After making the transition to reliever, Coach Bob Gates says those qualities make Spicl essential to the Mavs' chances this season.

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MED PULSE

OFF THE FARM



Scott Miller dons a cowboy hat by day and changes into a green scrub uniform by night. Miller works both as a nurse at the Medical Center and a farmer.

From the cornfield to the medical field, Scott Miller, a Sarpy County farmer and a registered nurse at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, gets the best of both worlds.

In an effort to draw more men to the nursing profession, the Medical Center has planted recruiting seeds in the soil of Nebraska's suffering farm economy, hoping to cultivate a new crop of health professionals.

As a result, farmers like Miller are trading in their blue denim and cowboy hats for green sterile surgical scrubs.

"Agriculture is the largest industry in Nebraska and health care is the second largest industry," said Rosalee Yeaworth, dean of the Medical Center's College of Nursing. "I thought, 'Why not get some farmers who are either leaving the farm or looking for supplemental income and train them as nurses?'"

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MED PULSE

UNO: Omaha's own informant

Survey connects university with the local community

By GREG KOZOL

For UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR), it's a two-way street.

While the university learns about Omaha, the city learns about UNO.

Russell Smith, director of CPAR, said the "Omaha Conditions Survey: 1990," released Wednesday, provides one example of that two-way street.

"There is not a lot known about Omaha from the individual's perspective," Smith said. "The survey is a real resource to the community."

But at the same time, Smith said, the survey will become a resource for the university.

"In the last year, I recognize people are starting to realize UNO's potential," he said. "We're just part of that."

"It (the Omaha Conditions Survey) will build relationships and connect the university with the community."

The survey provided CPAR with data about Omahans' opinions on issues ranging from economic development in North Omaha to support for a new convention center and property tax relief.

The results indicated:

■ About 9 of 10 respondents (89.6 percent) support Omaha city government and private efforts to promote economic development in North Omaha.

■ A slight majority (58 percent) of Douglas County residents favor building a new convention center.

■ More than two-thirds of Omaha area respondents (67.5 percent) said property taxes are too high.

■ When asked how to raise new state revenue to reduce property taxes, the most preferred option was state sales tax (39.1 percent).

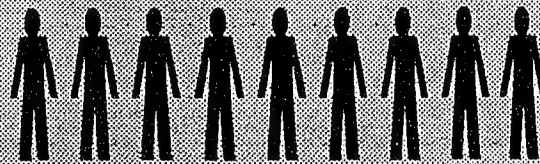
The university will not use the results for its own political benefit, Smith said. "Our hope is the information will be useful in decision making," he said. "I would think they (lawmakers) will probably be interested."

The Urban League of Nebraska and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce have already examined the survey results, Smith said.

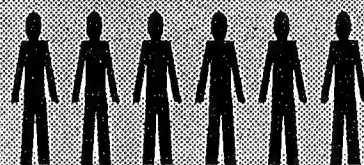
Omaha Conditions Survey 1990

Taken from the responses of about 800 Omaha-area residents to a CPAR community policy survey.

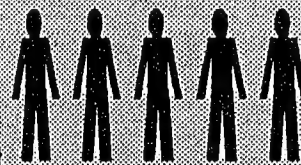
9 out of 10 support both public and private initiatives to promote economic activity in North Omaha.



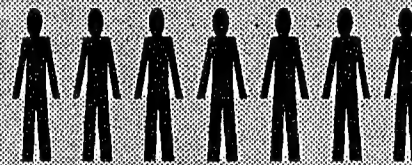
6 out of 10 in Douglas County favor the construction of a new convention center.



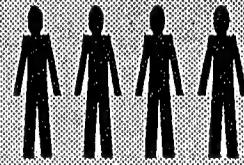
5 out of 10 would support an amendment allowing local use of tax dollars for economic development.



6.67 out of 10 said property taxes are too high.



4 out of 10 would support raising sales taxes while lowering property taxes to raise state revenues.



Information courtesy of UNO's Center for Public Affairs Research.

"Both organizations said 'this is useful,'" Smith said. CPAR also plans to brief Omaha Mayor P.J. Morgan on the results, he added.

CPAR, part of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, has a mandate to provide statewide data on issues facing Nebraskans, Smith said.

"It's something in our mission," he said. The survey results were based on interviews in January with 779 adults from

Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties. CPAR is conducting a similar survey on 200 minority households in North Omaha. The possibility of error is plus or minus 3.5 percent for the Omaha survey and plus or minus 7 percent for the North Omaha survey.

The Omaha Conditions Survey will be conducted annually on a variety of topics, Smith said.

Professor shortage already exists

By JOHN WATSON

No more pencils. No more books. No more teachers?

Colleges and universities are beginning to feel the effects of a shortage of professors with doctoral degrees, according to Otto Bauer, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"It's a nationwide trend," Bauer said. "We've gone for quite a few years with a minimum graduation rate at the doctoral level."

That minimum graduation rate may be the driving force behind the shortage.

"In the middle to late 1990s we're supposed to have an increase in the number of students coming out of high school," he said. "If we do, we're very likely to run into a shortage of professors."

"There are shortages right now in computer science and business administration."

However, the shortage of professors in computer science may be near an end, Bauer said.

"For a while, there weren't many institutions that offered doctorates in computer science," he said. "Before, if you could find a computer scientist, you'd better hire him."

Bauer said English and history may soon experience a shortage of professors.

"History has gone through a long period of time when jobs have not been plentiful at all for people with a Ph.D.," he said. "But that's going to come back to haunt us."

Pamela Specht, associate dean of the College of Business Administration (CBA), said the doctorate shortage also has hit the business department.

"Nationally, there are more students in business than there are people who have Ph.D.s that can be hired," she said. "There just haven't been enough people in the Ph.D. programs that are being graduated that can come out and teach."

Although the increase of students and the shortage of professors may mean problems for some colleges and universities, Specht said UNO has remained competitive enough to attract needed faculty.

She said limited resources is the reason for the problems facing CBA.

"Our problem isn't so much finding faculty," Specht said. "Our problem is that we don't have enough faculty to begin with. We don't have any openings."

"I don't want to give the impression that it's easy to find people, because it's not."

She said, according to a recent study, CBA is short 10 to 12 faculty members.

"Maybe if we had the openings, we would have difficulty filling them," Specht said. "But we haven't been getting the funds from the legislature."

Specht said the lack of funding is affecting all of the departments in CBA.

"I can't even identify one of them that their student majors wouldn't benefit by additional faculty being hired," she said.

According to Specht, CBA has not been affected by a predicted decline of students. She said the number of non-traditional students has offset that predicted decline in business colleges.

"Any decline we've experienced in a given semester is because we're offering fewer sections," she said. "If we add 10 sections, we fill them right up. If we decrease by 10 sections, we have students that are frustrated."

"An adequate supply of professors has always been poor. In the last 10 years, there's always been more jobs than people to fill them," Specht said.

In an effort to prevent a greater shortage of professors at UNO, Bauer said the university is trying to better its faculty recruitment.

"We're trying to get some of our faculty chairs associated with the recruiting," he said.

FROM THE WIRE

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Gasp! Open meetings law violated

Better watch what you're doing. The campus newspaper is watching.

The Butler County (Kan.) Community College (BCCC) Board of Trustees voted Feb. 13 not to accept a questionable "loan/gift" from an unnamed organization that also sells services to the college.

The Board apparently had previously discussed the \$100,000 loan/gift at one of three illegal secret meetings during the fall semester, but was forced to reconsider when the *Lantern*, the campus paper, charged the board with violating the law.

Under the state's Open Meetings Law, the trustees are limited to discussing real estate, personnel and legal matters in secret sessions.

One of BCCC's suppliers had offered to "loan" the school \$100,000. For each year BCCC bought services from the supplier, however, \$10,000 of the total amount would be made into a donation the school would not have to repay. At the end of 10 years, the entire \$100,000 would have been converted from a loan to a donation.

Even after the trustees discovered the negotiations were illegal, school officials didn't see anything wrong with asking for gifts from people who bid for the school's business.

"Anybody who would beat the bid would have to beat (the gift-giving) aspect of the contract," said BCCC President Rodney Cox.

Mystery moss creates controversy

Rice University officials are getting ready to host a summit meeting of world leaders in July but must first solve the Mystery of the Moss.

The mystery arose when an important-looking Renaissance teak box was found in the Houston campus's Founder's Room during a photo session to promote the July economic summit.

Inside the box, the discoverers found moss, twigs and leaves that resembled a large bird's nest.

"No one seems to know what it's from," said Rice spokeswoman Kathie Krause. The most popular notion, she said, is that it's the remains of a flower arrangement from some past social gathering.

SATs biased against S-E-X

Two years after a federal judge ruled New York state could not award college scholarships only on the basis of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores because the tests were biased against females, the number of women winning the Regents scholarships exceeded the number of men for the first time.

Women comprised 51.1 percent of the high school seniors who won the \$250-a-year Regents scholarships, according to state officials.

New York now awards the grants by factoring in both high school grades and SAT scores.

Ask a dumb question

The old saying isn't always true — "Ask a stupid question, and you get a stupid answer."

Sometimes an idiotic question can net a fairly helpful response.

Take, for example, Sunday's meeting of the Vice Chancellor's Student Leadership Council.

A lot of stupid questions were asked. But that was the smart thing to do.

During the meeting, the proposed Fund B allocations for 1990-91 were discussed.

One more time for those who haven't read it 74 times: Student fees are divided into Funds A and B. Fund A, \$7.50 from each student, supports Student Government, the *Gateway* and the Student Programming Organization.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Fund B, proposed at \$47.50 from each student, supports the Student Center, Health Services, Campus Recreation and athletics.

With UNO's enrollment topping 14,000, those student fees translate into big bucks.

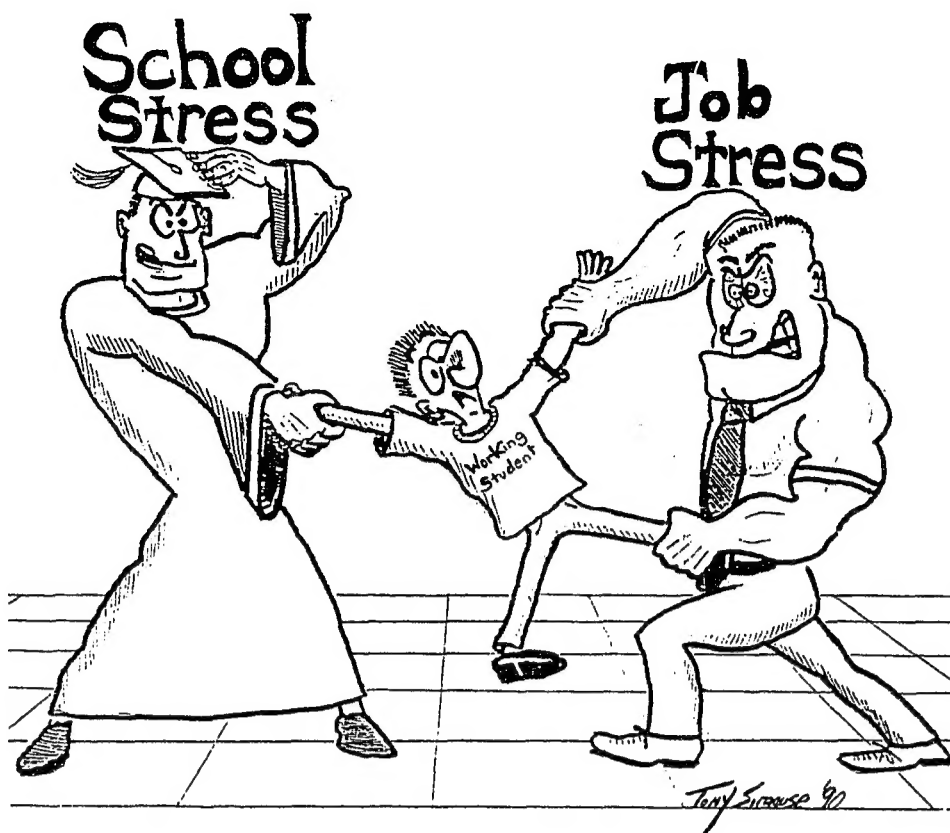
To an expert, "where's the money going to?" may sound like a stupid question. But it's a question that needs to be asked.

The members of the Vice Chancellor's Leadership Council, for the most part, did their job.

They asked that question.

The answers they received should be judged by each individually.

On a body with no political clout, the important fact was that information was exchanged. Several administrators heard the



concerns of a select group of students on the council.

Now it's time for the rest of the student body to ask some dumb questions. And let the administration know their concerns, too.

There is no student body with a vote in Fund B allocations.

Therefore, it comes down to the individual student to show how they feel — whether it be for or against raising student fees.

The average UNO student is not an

expert in public budgeting. A lot of their questions may sound uninformed, even stupid, to the experts.

But the students are the ones who are spending the money.

It's time for UNO students to stick their collective feet in their mouths and ask some uninformed questions.

Then, they can judge for themselves.

Even this column is Franklin-related!

With the continual information blitz, be it truth or rumor, on the Franklin Federal Credit Union scandal, it seems only natural to label suspicious persons or events as "Franklin-related."

Any neighborhood man or woman who is a favorite of the local children must be a pedophile, and thus, Franklin-related.

A local shop owner suddenly closes his store. Of course, it too is Franklin-related.

Influential Omahans move away, and the Franklin-related stigma falls on them.

But what about the more mundane events of our lives? Has the Franklin-related disease hit everything in the city, and slowly, item by item, the general public discovers it?

I was in the local grocery purchasing the *Gateway* staff's weekly dose of Diet Seven-Up and rice cakes the other day. Usually, the total comes to around \$20 (We eat a lot of rice cakes).

Much to my dismay, the friendly little digital readout popped up with \$27.50. I fumbled for my check book, wrote a bad check to cover the amount and left flustered. I was so upset I told the cashier a plastic bag would be fine - the environment be damned.

Walking out to my car, I began to wonder: Could something as commonplace as the price of rice cakes be Franklin-

related?

Then it hit me! The price of gas had gone up. The cost of a barrel of diet pop, available at any convenience store, had skyrocketed. And now rice cakes! The clues were falling together like a bad sitcom.

Everything was Franklin-related.

Whether I'm ten minutes late for work, pulled over for speeding or received an 'A' on my history test, it all depends on one thing.

DAVE MANNING
COLUMNIST

Such rationalization, however, is absurd. That doesn't mean no one believes it, though.

Do you remember when this whole thing started? I had never even heard of the Franklin Federal Credit Union, Larry King or the missing \$35 million. I had never eaten at King's Cafe Carnavale and had never been to one of King's parties.

At the time, the scandal was purely financial. Everybody knew King threw lavish bashes, had homes on both coasts and spent money which may not have been his.

Nothing was Franklin-related then.

Now, allegations of just about anything

have been directed toward just about anybody who may have had just about any affiliation with King or Franklin.

And everything is Franklin-related.

Life is so much easier now, isn't it?

There's a tailor-made explanation for the aberrant behavior of the guy down the street, the sudden wealth of that woman in your apartment complex, the mysterious disappearance of the couple from your church.

On the other hand, the guy down the street may just be weird. The woman, well, maybe she won a lottery or decided to be a conspicuous consumer. And perhaps that couple didn't like your church anymore and joined another one.

Everything doesn't have to be Franklin-related. There may be other things going on in Omaha that no one is aware of yet.

Until something new becomes the latest scandal, everything will probably stay Franklin-related.

I've even heard rumors about the \$2.50 Fund B budget increase being connected, but I'm still checking it out. If anyone in Educational and Student Services starts throwing lavish parties, let me know.

I'll be looking for a new scapegoat.

EDITOR'S NOTE

OPINION BY ERIC STOAKES

Let her have the cheesecake

Sometimes it's hard for her to move.

Sitting on the couch in the family room of my parents' home, my eight-month-plus pregnant sister leaned back and stretched out her legs.

Her no-less-than-gigantic abdomen seemed to extend like a small mountain over the rest of her body.

"I can't wait until this one's out," she said, caressing her belly. "I hope it's a boy, because I never want to go through this again."

The "first one," 4-year-old Jessica, was terrorizing the family mutt in the next room.

"Mommy," Jessie cried, "Muffin bit me."

With a typical mother's "not again" sigh and a roll of the eyes, my sister began her attempt to move. Getting up from a seated position was truly a physical skill she had mastered.

First, it's the swing-your-knees-to-the-side maneuver.

Second, you firmly place your arms on the couch behind you and begin to push.

Then, as your body begins to rise, you swing your knees directly in front, placing your feet an ample distance apart.

Finally, you just hope you don't lose your balance and fall face first into the coffee table.

My sister accomplished this physical triumph with an athletic prowess of an experienced veteran. After all, she had mastered most tricks of the trade the first time around.

Once balanced and on her feet, she proceeded to tend to the Muffin situation, waddling out of the room with a "pregnantesque" plod.

Although my sister isn't as lucky as other women who gain only 20 pounds during pregnancy and then lose it minutes after birth, all this physical ability got me thinking.

Staring at my own over-sized belly, which is growing faster than you can pop a beer can, I began to realize just how lucky I was. Never, would I have to experience the physical torture of the ol' bun in the oven.

Contemplating my increased awareness, I then began realizing how we (non-pregnant individuals) take for granted those expecting.

With this in mind, I offer a few rules we should follow in regard to those courageous women who put their bodies to the test.

■ When you encounter a pregnant women, instantly drop to your knees and recite the "Hail Mary."

■ If you ever make any snide pun in reference to the size of a pregnant woman, you should be smacked in the face with a raw rump roast. (Remember, your mother was pregnant once, too.)

■ If any member of your family is pregnant, send them gifts and promise to baby-sit even on weekend nights.

■ And never, ever deny a pregnant woman cheesecake, even if she wants to eat the whole thing at one sitting.

With these new guidelines, all of us who don't have to go through nine-or-so months of hell more adequately can show are appreciation of those who do.

I just hope my sister doesn't read this column. I hate having to baby-sit Saturdays.

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Fund B increase to cover higher salaries

By GREG KOZOL

A \$2.50 increase in 1990-91 student fees is needed to counter rising salaries and benefits at UNO, according to Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of Educational and Student Services.

The minimum wage will increase to \$3.80 per hour April 1. Also, the Legislature approved a 10 percent salary increase for full-time employees in the university's biannual budget.

Hoover said raising student fees would allow the university to maintain services without increasing prices.

"If you don't put more in, you decrease service," Hoover said.

Student fees are divided into Fund A — the Gateway, Student Government and the Student Programming Organiza-

tion — and Fund B — the Student Center, Campus Recreation, athletics and Health Services.

With the \$2.50 increase, each student would pay \$47.25 into Fund B per semester, raising the total fees paid by each student to \$54.75.

Under the Fund B proposal, Campus Recreation fees would jump 25 cents to \$13.50 per student.

Mike Stewart, School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation director, said the increase would supplement part-time and full-time wage hikes.

Also under the Fund B proposal, the Student Center would receive \$14 per student, a \$1 increase. Guy Conway, Student Center director, said the Student Center cannot absorb the salary and benefit increases for its 80 full-time employees.

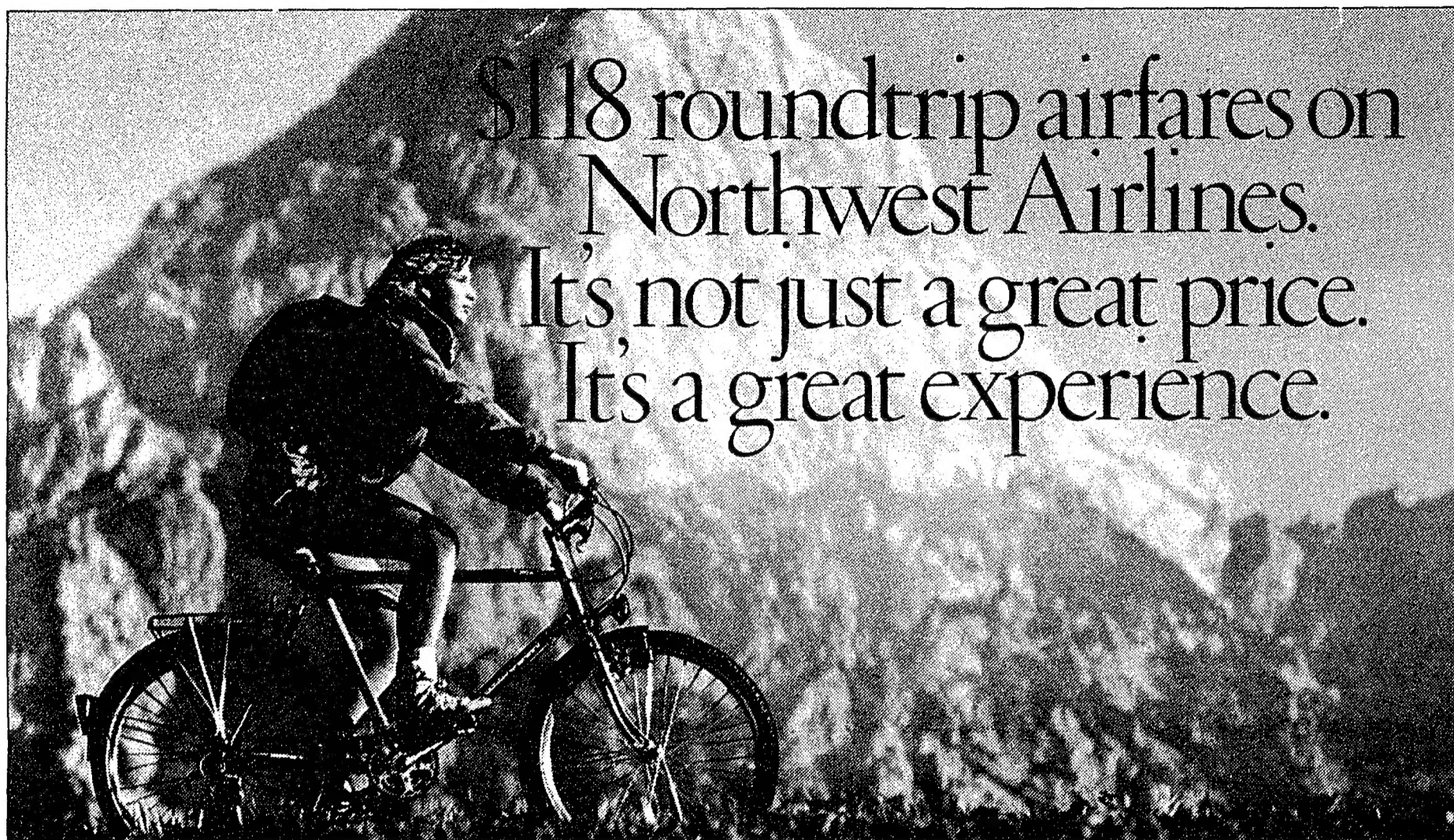
"We don't want to charge \$5 for a cheeseburger," he said.

The Fund B increase also may support renovation of the Student Center, Conway said.

Co-curricular activities, including athletics, Health Services and campus musical groups, may increase \$1.25 to \$19 per student.

Health Services' Fund B budget would increase from \$76,645 to \$110,045. The fees are needed, Hoover said, because physicians' hours will increase from 16 to 20 per week. Hoover also said Health Services will keep one full-time and one part-time nurse, instead of two part-time nurses.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents must approve the Fund B budget before it takes effect.



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Air cleared soon in 'vomitorium'

By PATRICK RUNGE

Locating the source of the stench in the lower floors of the College of Business Administration (CBA) building involved more than just following your nose.

Mike Miller, manager of Maintenance and Utilities Services, said the search led to water pipes running through the building.

"A leak developed in the chilled water running through the building," Miller said. Antifreeze in the water is the cause of the smell, he said.

"The water followed the pipe and spilled out into the mechanical room," Miller said.

John Byrnes, a Campus Computing student consultant who works in the computer user room in the CBA basement, said the smell has been around "since before Christmas break." Classes in the CBA auditorium, since dubbed the "vomitorium" also were affected by the foul fumes.

"It was pretty annoying, especially on warm days when you would walk in from the nice air outside," Byrnes said. "As soon as you would

open the door to the first floor, the smell would hit you."

Byrnes said he received a number of complaints about the smell from students, faculty and staff using the computer room.

"We'd hear a lot of jokes on the danger of the fumes," Byrnes said. "But mostly it was just an annoying smell."

According to Byrnes, the smell was annoying but manageable.

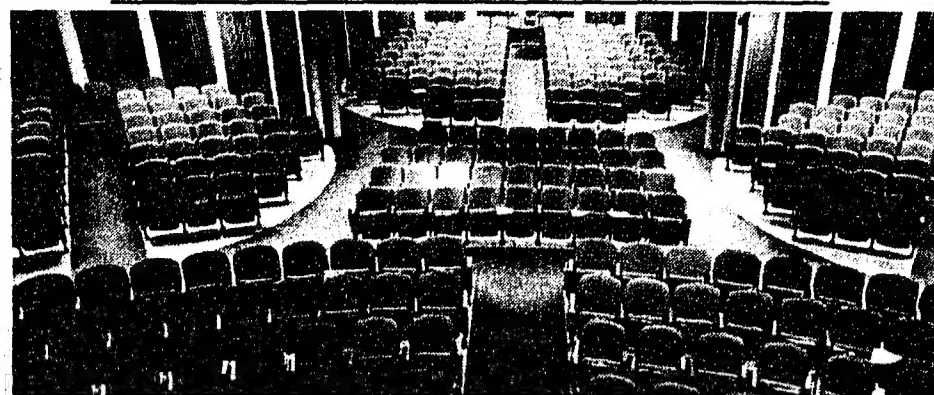
"We didn't have anyone succumb to the fumes," Byrnes said. "If you spend more than an hour down here, you kind of get used to it."

He said the smell probably cut down the number of students using the computer room.

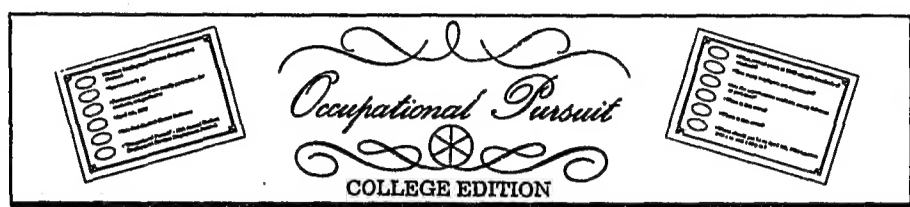
Miller said the university hired an outside contractor to dig a hole and expose the pipes on the west side of the building.

"I stuck my head over there recently, and the smell seems to have dissipated somewhat," Miller said. "By opening the hole, we've done a lot to alleviate the smell."

Byrnes agreed and said Sunday the smell seemed to be gone in the user room.



Before (top) and after (bottom). Could it be that these students, overcome by the foul fumes, fled the CBA Auditorium (vomitorium) in search of fresh air?



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THE BEST OF BOTH FIELDS

Farmers may provide solution to nursing shortage

By KELLYE ROUW

Scott Miller leads a double life. By day, Miller dons a well-worn cowboy hat and tends to his chickens, turkeys, geese and horses on his farm in Sarpy County. But by night, this mild-mannered farmer wears a green scrub uniform at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where he works as an intensive care nurse.

Miller represents a combination that Rosalee Yeaworth, dean of the Medical Center's College of Nursing, would like to see more often in the field of nursing — men and farmers.

While the idea of training farmers to become nurses may seem unusual, Yeaworth said it provides a natural solution to the nursing shortage and the increasing economic problems facing farmers.

"Agriculture is the largest industry in Nebraska and health care is the second largest industry," Yeaworth said. "I thought, 'Why not get some farmers who are either leaving the farm or looking for supplemental income and train them as nurses?'"

They could continue light farming on the side, she said, and they also would get health-care and retirement benefits.

According to the U.S. Agriculture Department, 1 million people left American farms between 1980 and 1988. In Nebraska, 5 percent of farmers and ranchers ceased operations, while another 5 percent experienced severe financial problems.

Growing up on a farm 40 miles south of Columbus, Ohio, Yeaworth said she realized early in life that the two fields have more similarities than stereotypical images lead people to believe.

Her long-time concern to recruit more men nurses began in the 1940s. She had heard then that Hunter College in New York was trying to recruit firemen and policemen into nursing to give the field a more masculine image.

Although she said she didn't know if Hunter's effort worked, recruiting men into nursing has been her concern ever since. She said she believes it is natural for farmers to be interested in health-related fields.

"First and foremost, a farmer has a nurturing side to his personality — whether he is nurturing his crops or taking care of animals," she said. "I think that transfers to taking care of people as well."

She said farmers possess the strong work ethic needed in nursing.

"They know a great deal about chemicals and medication, and then they are also small business managers," Yeaworth said. "There are an awful lot of business and management skills needed in nursing jobs to manage the resources and to coordinate all facets of care."

Miller, a registered nurse, agreed with Yeaworth's assessment.

"Nursing and farming definitely complement each other," he said. "When I entered nursing school, I realized that my knowledge about the chemicals and medications I used on the



Scott Miller works his night job as an intensive care nurse at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Miller has worked at the Medical Center for more than two years.

farm helped me a great deal in my studies at school."

The combined skills, Miller said, have helped him in both fields.

"Although nursing complements farming more than farming complements nursing," he said, "I know that I'm better at both because of the knowledge I have in each field."

Miller, 23, who has been a nurse at the Medical Center for more than two years, said that in high school he could not decide between becoming a veterinarian or a doctor. His high-school counselor suggested nursing as a compromise.

And that compromise proved successful, he said.

Working the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. nursing shift three nights a week allows more time to work with his livestock, he said.

Miller checks the animals when he arrives home in the mornings, and then he also has time for additional work with the animals and around the farm before he leaves for the Medical Center.

Miller lives on the farm with his brother and two other men, one of whom also is a nurse.

Miller said he has not felt uncomfortable about being a man in what typically has been perceived as a woman's field.

"When my counselor first suggested nursing, I had some reservations about what the public attitude would be toward a male nurse," he said. "Once I decided that I really wanted to become a nurse, I felt that I really would fit in."

Although the stereotype is weakening, Miller said some people are still surprised to see men nurses.

"Every once in a while a family will come in and I can tell by their expressions that they aren't used to seeing a male nurse. But it hasn't caused any problems. In fact, I feel very

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Miller works on his Sarpy County farm. Rosalee Yeaworth, College of Nursing dean, said recruiting men farmers as nurses is "an uphill battle."

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accepted."

Although Yeaworth also said the stereotype of nursing is "going more by the wayside everyday," she said she still faces an uphill battle in recruiting men and farmers into nursing.

"Two years ago when I targeted farmers because of the economic situation on the farms and the need for nurses in rural areas, I set out to get special funds for developing a program to train farmers as nurses," she said. "Otherwise, if you tell the average farmer to come and spend three or four years in school, they are going to say that there is no way they can afford that."

To counter the cost of schooling, Yeaworth and the Medical Center marketing staff have launched plans to find funding for her proposed five-year pilot program.

She said the program's goal is to recruit 48 farmers from the Scottsbluff, Lincoln and Omaha areas to study nursing at the Medical Center. Initially, she is seeking farmers within commuting distance of Omaha. If it proves successful, she said she hopes to expand the program throughout the state.

Yeaworth said the Medical Center's Public Affairs department developed a brochure describing the career possibilities for men nurses.

In addition to distributing the brochure to farming communities, Public Affairs had a display at the Nebraska State Fair where the brochure was available.

Since the fair, however, Yeaworth said she has had only one response. "But I knew that this program was going to take some time to set up," she added.

To help struggling farmers make the transition to nursing, Yeaworth said she is looking into the possibility of securing grant money from private foundations and government nursing agencies. This money would be earmarked for scholarships and student loans for

farmers who enter nursing.

Currently, of the various foundations, companies and agricultural colleges Yeaworth has contacted, she said only the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Division of Nursing has expressed interest in providing funding.

But she said certain conditions must be met before the division will agree to help fund it.

"They (U.S. Division of Nursing) think it is a unique and innovative idea," Yeaworth said. "They said that while they won't provide tuition, they will provide \$200 a month to the farmers and \$812,503 to the university in the way of direct costs, such as for extra personnel."

Also, she said the division adheres to affirmative-action guidelines, which would require Yeaworth to recruit women as well.

"Boy, would that defeat my purpose," she said.

After submitting a proposal to the U.S. Division of Nursing last year, Yeaworth said she was told that if she is to receive funding, she must find 48 farmers who can prove financial distress, in addition to the program meeting the affirmative-action guidelines.

Although she said it will be difficult finding financially distressed farmers because of assets, such as land and buildings, she is confident the U.S. Division of Nursing's requirements can be met.

Ideally, Yeaworth said that \$1 million is needed to get the program off the ground. She said she will continue to explore new avenues in search of funding.

"There are still other groups that I'm going to approach, such as the farm-action agencies and the National Nursing Recruitment and Retention administrators, who may be able to help me in funding," Yeaworth said.

With the help of successful men nurses, like Dr. Michael Carter, dean of nursing at the University of Tennessee in Memphis who spoke at the Medical Center about the career possibilities for men in nursing, she said she

believes enough interest can be generated to raise the needed money.

Yeaworth said Carter conducted a study that revealed about 30 percent of all nursing colleges in the United States were making an effort to recruit men.

Currently, 33 of the 704 students enrolled in the Medical Center's College of Nursing are men.

"We are in a situation with decreased enrollments in nursing," Yeaworth said. "Many of the talented young women who used to go into nursing have other options now."

"If we do not find other pools to tap, we are not going to be able to meet the need for nurses."

Yeaworth said men could have their choice of as many as 600,000 nursing jobs expected to open up in the next decade.

"I'm optimistic we can get men interested in nursing," she said. "Traditionally, occupations such as volunteer firemen, ambulance drivers and rescue workers have been considered daring, rugged, masculine sorts of careers. It seems to me men would be naturals as nurses on emergency medical transport teams."

But the important thing is to get men started in nursing, she said.

"Once they get started, they'll see for themselves all the career opportunities nursing has to offer."

For Miller, nursing has provided more than just an increased career opportunity.

"After work, I think back on all that I've done during the day and about the people that I have hopefully helped," he said. "It's a great sense of accomplishment."

HEALTH SCOPE

INFORMATION FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

Stress bangs your head

Got a headache? Stressed out?

Headaches are one of the most common ailments that people experience and are caused primarily by stress, according to Dr. Ronald Pfeiffer, chief of neurology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Pfeiffer said headaches fit into one of three categories: muscle contraction, migraine and structural diseases of the head, neck, eyes, ears, jaws or teeth.

Because the cause of headaches varies, Pfeiffer recommends that a person suffering from recurring headaches undergo a medical examination. Once the cause of the headache is determined, the physician can recommend an appropriate treatment.

Pfeiffer said treatments vary from prescription medications to psychiatric evaluations, depending on the cause of the pain.

Spend a night with some nurses

The University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Nursing will be conducting a Parent's Night Tuesday, March 13, from 7-9 p.m. in the Regency Suite of the Nebraska Union, 14th and R streets in Lincoln.

Parents, prospective students and high school counselors are invited to attend this meeting, which will include discussions about the Medical Center's nursing programs and job opportunities. Participants also can talk to current nursing students and faculty members.

"The purpose of Parent's Night is to provide additional information to students and their parents on the opportunities and advantages of pursuing a career in nursing and how they can get financial aid," said Cindy Costanzo, nurse recruitment coordinator at the College of Nursing.

The Medical Center's College of Nursing has three campuses: Omaha, Lincoln and Scottsbluff. The College of Nursing currently has baccalaureate and master's degree programs, and a doctoral program will begin in the 1990 fall semester.

Fleming named perfusion director

Dr. William Fleming has been named director of the division of clinical perfusion at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Perfusionists are certified professionals who operate heart-lung machines and other circulatory assistance devices required in open-heart surgeries.

Fleming, who joined the Medical Center staff in 1976, is a professor of surgery and chief of the thoracic surgery section.

The Medical Center's clinical perfusionist program, approved by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents last year, is the only academic program in Nebraska for training clinical perfusionists.

The new program will allow the Medical Center to address the existing shortage of perfusionists in Nebraska and around the country.

The program will begin in the 1990 fall semester.

Center to expand into garage

By GREG KOZOL

In an effort to trim the UNO Child Care Center's waiting list, the Student Senate, at its March 8 meeting, unanimously approved \$7,000 to convert the center's garage into usable space.

"What we're here for is to serve the students," said Sen. Ray Remijio who introduced the resolution. "This would be a good investment for the students."

About 75 percent of the 125 families using the Child Care Center are students, according to Joyce Kinney, the center's director. The Child Care Center currently serves 140 children, Kinney said.

The center also has a two-page waiting list with 20 families and an undetermined number of children, said Ellen Freeman, assistant director of the Child Care Center.

"Some of those families may have two or three children on the list," Freeman said.

Converting the garage into usable space would allow the addition of 10 children to the Child Care Center, Freeman said. The center will not need to increase its staff, she added.

The extra space will also allow the Child Care Center to expand existing services, Freeman said.

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"It's going to give our children more opportunity to move and experience more things," she said.

The renovated garage will be used to develop preschool children's "large" motor skills, Freeman said.

Large motor skills include running, jumping and skipping, she said.

Children at the Child Care Center usually work on large motor skills during warm weather, Freeman said.

"Now they can get some of the things they could only get outside."

Dave Irvin, manager of Facilities Planning and Space Management, said construction work could begin this summer.

"We're not ready to start taking bids," Irvin said. "We need to make up some plans and expectations."

Irvin said the UNO Physical Plant has estimated the renovation cost at \$7,000.

Irvin said the renovation will include: removing the rolling garage door and constructing a wall in its place, putting up interior floors and walls and installing a heating and cooling system.



-ERIC FRANCIS

Nicole Barnes, daughter of UNO student Kim Barnes, takes a leap off the jungle gym at the Child Care Center.

CCLR director calls for more student involvement

By PATRICK RUNGE

College students need to rediscover their political power, according to Chris McClenny, director of Student Government's Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR).

McClenny said one issue discussed at the United States Student Association (USSA) national convention in Washington last week was students' potential political clout.

"One thing I was very motivated by was a speech by Lawrence Guillout, who was involved with the civil rights movement," said McClenny, who attended the convention on behalf of UNO. "He said that students were very powerful (in the 1960s). Students brought about civil rights reforms and the end of the Vietnam war. Students today can do far better to make positive changes in this country."

McClenny said students need to use their

political muscle to influence the government's financial aid program.

"We went to Washington to learn about federal government support of higher education," McClenny said. "We learned a lot about how we can influence federal policy in the future."

Another issue emphasized at the conference was the percentage of federal aid given in the forms of grants and loans, McClenny said.

"Ten years ago, 80 percent of the federal financial aid awarded was in the form of a grant," he said. "Now, it is below 50 percent. We need to transfer the emphasis back (to grants)."

McClenny also said the matching program, where the federal government encourages states to match the amount of federal education aid, is in danger.

"President Bush says that since states are now doing grants on their own, the federal government doesn't need the program any more," McClenny said. "But if you pull the federal matching away, the states may not put up any funds."

McClenny said by becoming more politically active, students can ensure that the federal government acts in their best interest.

"The student voting block is very large, but the percentage of students registered to vote is low," McClenny said.

"I think we would do far better in this country with higher education if students registered and turned out to vote."

CCLR will soon hold a number of voter registration drives, McClenny said. Although students aren't as politically active as in the past, McClenny said UNO students are beginning to take a stand.

A recent letter-writing campaign started by CCLR is an example of that stand, McClenny said. He said the 87 letters to Nebraska's elected representatives in congress were in general support of higher education.

"I talked to some other state delegations, and they weren't able to get as many letters on a statewide level as we did at UNO."

McClenny also said he will put the information he gained at the conference into a formal report. Recommendations, along with a plan of action, will be made to UNO Student President/Regent Kelli Sears and then to the Student Senate.

"We will be doing a presentation, probably next week, which will be open to the students," McClenny said. "They are encouraged to come. This directly affects them."

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Mavs upend early predictions

NCC tourney finishes
UNO's season 21-9

By TONY FLOTT

Overachievers or underachievers? Either label could possibly be placed on the UNO basketball team.

Despite being the No. 2 seed in the North Central Conference postseason tournament, the Mavericks finished their season with a 78-74 loss to Mankato State and an 80-69 decision to North Dakota.

However, the 21-9 Mavericks, picked by the news media to finish sixth in NCC play and completed the season with their best record since the 1983-84 season.

"They were disappointed," UNO and NCC coach of the year Bob Hanson said about his team. "But I told them to hold their heads up high. They had nothing to be ashamed of."

UNO's loss to Mankato in the semifinals of the tournament Thursday dropped them into the consolation finals against No. 1 seed North Dakota. The Bison had been upset by tournament champion South Dakota.

"Our offense didn't play real well," Hanson said. "I don't know what the reason was other than we played real good teams."

UNO shot 37.3 percent against Mankato, including three of 22 from three-point range. Against North Dakota, the Mavericks clicked on 41.3 percent of their field goals.

"Nothing was going right," said All-NCC guard Trent Neal. "It was like someone put a curse on us."

"We just have to learn that at postseason time, everyone gets up."

Despite the losses, Hanson said he would rather focus on his team's overall performance this season, pointing out that the Mavericks won nine of their last 12 games.

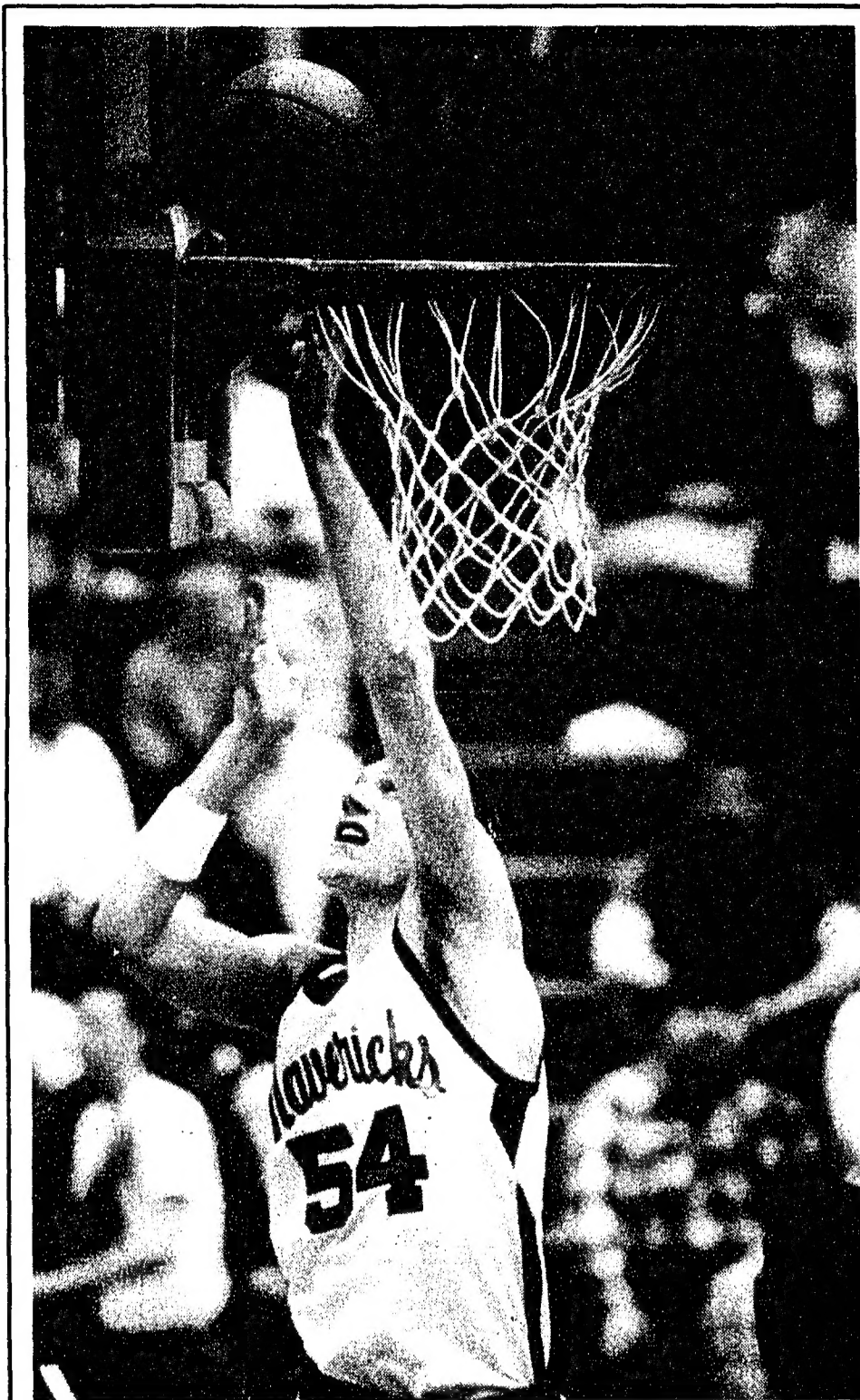
"I knew we had a good nucleus coming back," Hanson said. "And we added four good players to them."

One player who returned for the Mavericks was center Phil Cartwright, who was named to the All-NCC team Friday.

"We definitely had the talent to go further," the 6-foot-10 sophomore said. "But like coach said, we don't have to base our year on the past two games."

Hanson said he was pleased the team accomplished most of its goals for the season. Primarily, to finish in the top three NCC team and to have four players with at least 100 rebounds.

UNO wound up the regular season second in the NCC and had seven players finish with



UNO Maverick Sven Bonde goes up strong during a game earlier this year. The 21-9 Mavs finished with their best record since 1983-84.

100 rebounds.

"Their talent hasn't come to the top yet," Hanson said about UNO. "We have to go out and make it happen."

With Dan Olson the only loss off this year's team, UNO will return four starters next sea-

son.

"I really wanted to go to 'the show,'" Neal said in reference to the NCAA tournament. "There should be no excuses next year. I want to try to win it all."

—ERIC FRANCIS

Cartwright and Neal voted All-League

Two Mavs, Hanson honored by NCC

By TONY FLOTT

Two UNO Maverick basketball players and Maverick basketball coach Bob Hanson were honored by North Central Conference officials Friday, putting the finishing touches on a 21-9 season.

Guard Trent Neal and center Phil Cartwright were named All-NCC, while Hanson was chosen coach of the year.

Neal, a sophomore, came to UNO after leaving the Air Force and averaged team records of 17.3 points and 4.5 assists as well as leading in steals.

"I just wanted to win," Neal said. "I think the individual awards will come after that."

"I would rather be a Larry Bird who is in the championships every time than a Michael Jordan who isn't."

Hanson said Neal carries many responsi-

bilities as point guard.

"I think what he is doing is really difficult," Hanson said. "Most of the players in the league who are point guards are not big scorers."

"He has done more things than any other guard since Dean Thompson."

Cartwright became a regular starter this year after losing 40 pounds following last season.

"Hoss," as his teammates call him, finished second on the team in scoring with 14.6 points a game and first in rebounding with nearly nine a game.

"I was shocked," the 6-foot-10 sophomore said. "I was a little bit surprised considering all the good centers in the league."

Hanson said how far the center can go depends on Cartwright himself.

"It all depends on Phil," Hanson said. "He can go a long way. He has very good hands and a very soft shot. I am impressed with his rebounding."

Cartwright said his drop in pounds is the main reason for his turn around in rebounding.

"When a person rebounds, he has to be a little more agile than others," Cartwright said. "With the weight loss, now I can move."

Hanson, the school's all-time leader in coaching wins with a record of 341-243, earned the coach's honor for the third time.

"It surprised me," Hanson said. "I thought Rich Glas (North Dakota's coach) would get it, but you never know."

"I thank the players and my assistant coaches. We all work at it. I am just an extension of the team."

FROM THE SIDELINES

SPORTS OPINION BY TONY FLOTT

Why do we get the Huskers?

March Madness, the annual ritual for basketball-crazed fans, is in full swing.

But alas, Husker fans are once again stuck in front of a television set wondering "what if?"

Despite having an athletic department with one of the largest budgets in the nation, Nebraska's basketball program continues to wallow in mediocrity and unfulfilled promises as faithful followers are forced to look elsewhere for good round-ball action.

Why would they do this to our state? We didn't do anything to them.

UNO and Creighton each had 20-win seasons and were in contention for the league titles up until the final game of the regular season. This was done with athletic budgets not even coming near the size of Nebraska's.

But where were the Huskers on the final game of the season? At the bottom of the league, looking up saying, "some day."

Sure the Big Eight is probably the toughest conference in the nation, but I am not asking for miracles.

Just an upset here and there, maybe a record of .500, and just to have their name mentioned when NIT bids are passed out would be like heaven.

Yet Nebraska coach Danny Nee and his team seem satisfied with playing the top teams close for a half.

Is coaching the problem?

Nee has not impressed too many people. To be sure, he should not have let his team lose to the likes of Miami-Ohio and Northern Illinois earlier in the season. But how far can a coach go with unmotivated players?

Not all the blame can be placed on Nee's shoulders. The players obviously have talent, but perhaps they are not using it wisely.

An NBA scout recently expressed disappointment regarding the development of center Rich King. Although King led the team in scoring and rebounding, his skills are basically the same as they were at the beginning of the year. He has not improved.

Why don't top players want to play for the Huskers? Look at all we have to offer them.

Plenty of fresh air, cows, corn. The list seems endless.

The problem seems to be that Nebraska has not matured with the Big Eight.

While other schools were going out and getting big name coaches like Johnny Orr and Larry Brown, Nebraska tried getting a bargain with a relatively unknown skipper.

While Oklahoma and Missouri scanned the streets of Detroit and New York looking for talent, Nebraska seemed content to stick with a mix of in-state players and junior college transfers.

The current mix of players and coaches for the Huskers just doesn't seem to mesh. Players keep bickering and coaches keep yelling, while the rest of the league keeps winning.

Please grow up, Nebraska.

How does UNO baseball spell relief? S-P-I-C-L

By JAMES KUBCZAK

Faster than a speeding bullet.

As UNO pitcher Rich Spicl's arm rifles the baseball, its cotton-threaded seams hiss, splitting the stale, Fieldhouse air. The ball's flight ends abruptly with a resounding thud after colliding with a catcher's mitt.

An overpowering fastball and sheer physical size are Spicl's assets on the mound.

"The first object is to throw strikes," Spicl said, UNO's ace relief pitcher. "You can't be tense. You have to be loose and like competition."

Competition is no stranger to Spicl, who came to UNO after leaving nationally-ranked Creighton and a full scholarship behind him.

"I didn't really feel that Creighton was for me," Spicl said. "I didn't have a good experience in my freshman year."

"A lot of my high-school buddies played baseball here at UNO, and I heard some good things about this program."

Spicl's fastball was a welcome addition to the Maverick arsenal. However, he said throwing nothing but heat is not enough at the collegiate level.

"All through high school I always threw hard enough," Spicl said. "I never needed a curve ball until I got to college. Now, no matter how hard I throw, I need a curve ball because the guys hit so well."

Also helping to intimidate opposing batters is Spicl's 6-foot-4, 230-pound presence on the mound.

"Size helps your pitching. You can't say it hurts, that's for sure," said the right-handed hurler out of Omaha Benson High School.

"But size doesn't help everybody. I know a lot of guys who are smaller than me and can throw as just as hard as I can. A lot of it has to do with the strength of your legs."

According to UNO baseball coach Bob Gates, Spicl's size and power make him an ideal relief pitcher.

"Relief pitchers are guys that have the ability to throw the ball hard, and they're usually big guys," Gates said.

"Rich will be used this year as our ace reliever," he

added. "He can help us during all four conference games on weekends instead of just playing one game as a starter."

After transferring from Creighton, Spicl earned a role as a starting pitcher his first two years at UNO.

The transition from starter to relief pitcher has presented Spicl with new challenges.

"You have to prepare yourself mentally for every game when you are a reliever," Spicl said. "It's your game when you go in there. You can either win or lose it."

"You must like to play. You can't worry about what's going to happen if you screw up. You can't concentrate on the negatives or it's going to eat away at your performance."

Spicl's confidence may be put to the test this year, because relief pitchers often enter games with the outcome on the line.

"We need to get him in the game during more crucial situations in our seven-inning games," Gates said. "We feel if we can get four or four-and-a-third innings out of the starter and bring Rich in, he can hold them down."

According to teammate Chris Shanahan, UNO might not be Spicl's last stop as a pitcher.

"I think he really has the ability to be a professional baseball player," said Shanahan. "If he gets his curveball down."

Spicl, a secondary education major, couldn't make the same claims as Shanahan.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't want to play pro ball," Spicl said. "But it is not my main goal in life. It would be great just to get the chance to try out with a team and see what it's like."

Although professional careers are dreams that are realized by few, Gates didn't rule out the possibility for Spicl.

"You never know the intangibles of a player," Gates said. "Anytime I say a ball player can't make it and he does, I'm just tickled to death."

"He's definitely our best relief pitcher," Gates said. "At times he has sluffed off a bit academically, but when he wants to do something, he can do it."



-ERIC FRANCIS

UNO relief pitcher Rich Spicl takes a breather during an indoor practice Sunday.

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By DEAN F. FLYR

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After finishing third in the North Central Conference last year with a record of 25-19, the Lady Mavs just missed receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II regionals.

However, UNO coach Mary Yori said she hopes this year's team, returning eight letterman, will not miss the playoff boat.

"We have some physically outstanding players," Yori said. "It all depends on how bad the players want to win."

Yori added that winning the league title will not be a simple achievement.

Augustana, Mankato State and St. Cloud State are the three teams in the NCC that finished in the top 20 last year, and Yori expects tough competition from them again this year.

Catcher Jackie Hansen will help lead the Lady Mavs to face the challenge. She was an All-NCC and All-Midwest region selection last year.

Hansen heads a veteran infield that includes second team All-Region shortstop Neely Sader and third baseman Amy Phalen.

Hansen and Phalen were chosen as team co-captains.

"We have to play as a team and 100 percent

up to our potential," Hansen said. "My major duty is holding everybody together on the field."

"It's fun when you're winning and fun when your losing. As long as you are giving 100 percent."

UNO also returns experience in the outfield, anchored by second team All-Region center fielder Sherri Novak.

Also vital to UNO's success this year, Yori said, is the performance of the Lady Mavs' hurlers.

"Pitching is the key," Yori said.

The Lady Mavs enter the season with two freshman pitchers, Amy Boyd and Amy Pick.

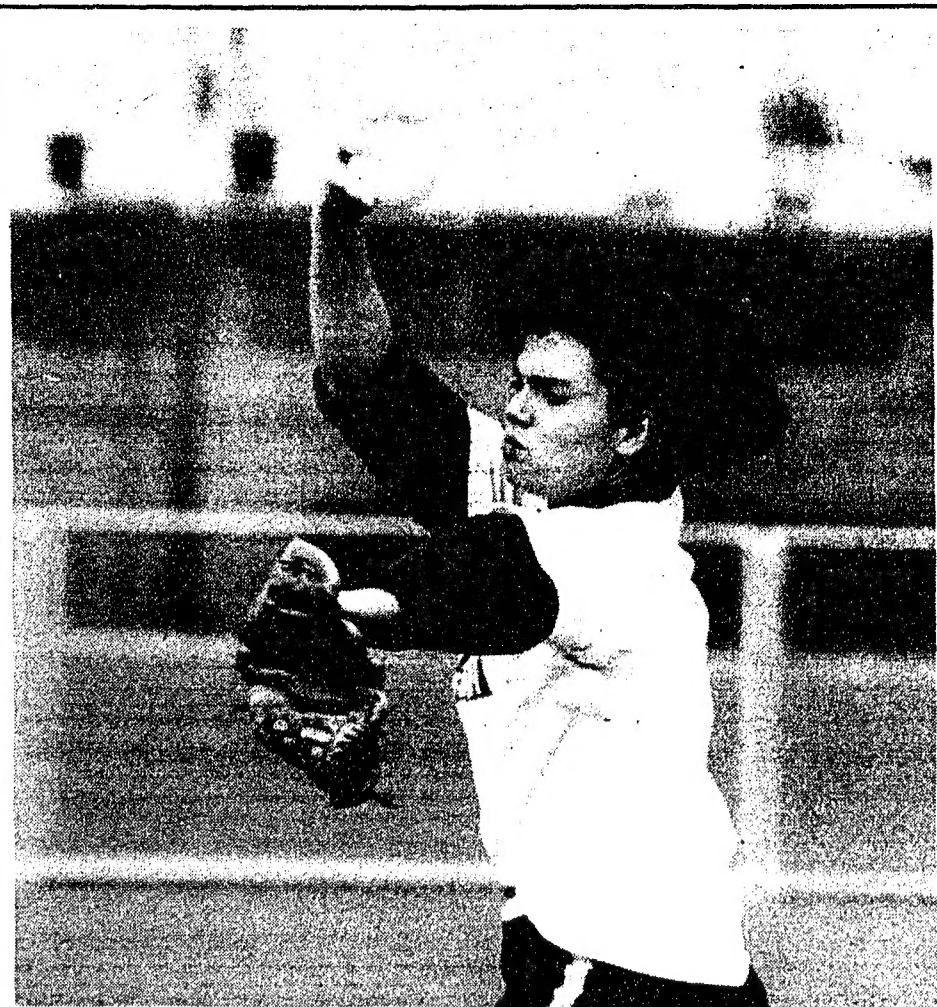
"How quickly they come around will determine how successful we will be," Yori said.

With 16 doubleheaders and six tournaments on the schedule, Yori said consistency will be team's primary concern.

To help develop that consistency, UNO participated in a fall intercollegiate league. Included in the league were Kansas, Creighton, Southwest Missouri and Nebraska.

Yori said she hopes competing against the stiff competition in the fall league will help prepare the team for conference play.

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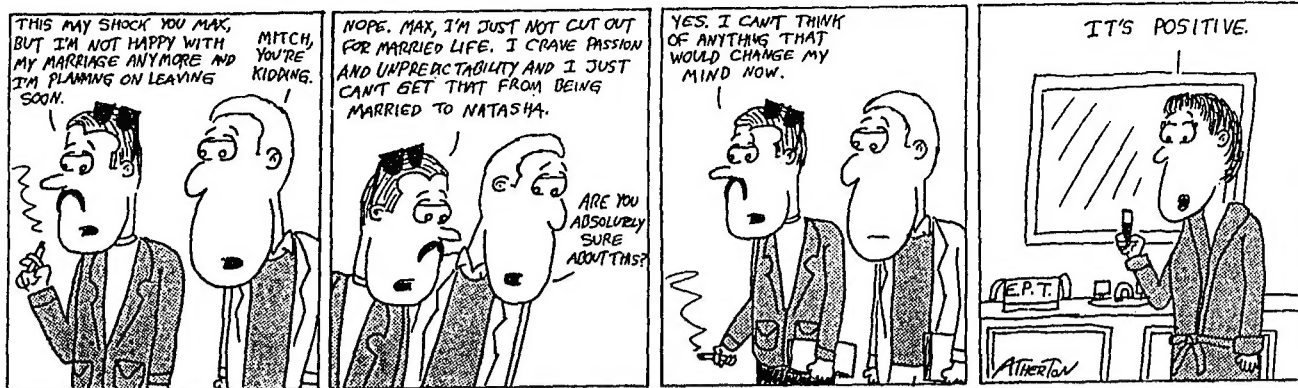
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